

A circular stamp from the Supreme Court of the United States. The outer ring contains the text "SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES" at the top and "EST. 1789" at the bottom. The center features the Court's seal, which depicts an eagle with a shield, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a constellation of stars above its head. Below the seal, the date "25 SEP 85" is stamped.

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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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The Co.'s Steamship
Haiphong,
Capt. F. AERON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on **SUNDAY**, the 27th Instant, at
9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & Co.,
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Hongkong, September 23, 1885.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship
Cousine Arctik,

 Captain H. J. Laperriere has been dispatched for the above Ports on **MONDAY, the 28th Instant, 3 p.m.**

- For Freight or Passage, apply to
MAN SON HONG,
Agent.


Hongkong, September 23, 1885. 16

NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
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Commandant Laperriere
will be dispatched



SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival in
Europe.


G. DE CHAMPEAUX
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1885.

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MARITIMES.


PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

on	 <p>The Co.'s Steamship. <i>Tanais.</i> Commandant PAUL, being despatched for K and YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the Mail Steamer from Europe.</p>
642	<p>G. DE CHAMPEAUX <i>Agent.</i></p>
NG	<p>Hongkong, September 23, 1885.</p>

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.I.I. British Ship
Naupactus,
LOVIE, Master, will load
for the above Port, and



For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & C
Hongkong, September 12, 1895.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 L.I. American S
Reporter
BAYLEY, Master, will load
for the above Port, and
have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL &
Hongkong, August 31, 1885.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 3/3 L.I. British B
Marques of Lorne
RAYMOND, Master, will
here for the above Port
will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, August 14, 1886.

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Chromometers, Watch & Clock Makers,
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of
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AND
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at the lowest possible prices
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1519

FOR SALE.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, with Large
TENNIS GROUND attached. A
good View of the Harbour and out to Sea.

Apply to
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Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614

FOR SALE.

THE SPANISH STEAMER
P A S I G.

Apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 4, 1885. 1531

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Peking.

Capt. C. HUBERMAN, will
above Port TO-MORROW, the 25th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1668

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
NEW YORK will be despatched
for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on
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taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Indian Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passages Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW
CHANG, HANKOW, and Ports on the
YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship
Kutang.

Captain YOUNG, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1666

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship
Mendana.

Captain NELSON, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 29th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1667

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, LON-
DON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Pembroke*, DAVIES,
Commander, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods, with the exception
of Opium, are being landed at their risk into
the Godowns of the Undersigned, at Wan-
chei, No. 3, behind the premises known as
"Blue Buildings," whence and for from the
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
10 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 1st Proximo will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1670

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ANTONIA, British barque, Capt. Fletcher.
Kwong Cheung Yee.

B. H. STEWART, German brig, Captain
Chr. May.—Melchers & Co.

COUSINS, British steamship, Captain
John Hollis.—Who Lee Co.

EDWARD MAY, American barque, Capt.
C. A. Johnson.—Russell & Co.

MOORE, LERANON, British barque, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

NAUPACUS, British ship, Captain Ed. H.
Lovitt.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PACHA, French barque, Capt. Scvraim.
Carlovitz & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allen.
Russell & Co.

VANUSIA, Span. barque, Capt. Urisand.
Remedios & Co.

WESTHEATH, British steamer, Captain A.
Stonehouse.—Russell & Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Peking.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1668

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and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passages Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Return Passages.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10 % will
be made from Return Fare. Free-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25 % from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Licenses to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Offices in
Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passages
and Freight, apply to the Agents of the
Company, No. 61A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1669

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September 24, 1885.—

Viper, French gunboat, from Macao.

Cheong Hock Kian, British steamer, 955,
Frederick Webb, Singapore September 18,
General.—Box Hin OYAN.

Wah Yung, British steamer, 318, J. O.
Witt, Hoihow September 23, General.—
Sung Kze & Co.

Pembroke, British steamer, 1,717, D.
Davies, Singapore September 18, General.
—Adamson, Bell & Co.

DEPARTURES.

September 23.—

Rambler, British sloop, for Amoy.

September 24.—

Midge, British gunboat, for Canton.

For Amoy, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

Alouine, for Hoihow.

Bua Cao, for Bangkok.

Danube, for Hoihow.

Airtie, for Singapore and Sydney.

City of Rio de Janeiro, for San Francisco.

Greyhound, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

For Amoy, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Cheong Hock Kian*
report: Fresh N. and N.E. winds with
fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Pembroke* re-
ports: Light N.E. winds and smooth
water all the way up; light current from N.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—

For *Cheong Hock Kian*, at 9.30 a.m., on
Friday, the 25th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

For *Marica* at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the
25th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For *Chi Yuen*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 25th inst.

For *Kut Sang*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the
25th inst.

For *Fokong*, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the
25th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For SWATOW AND AMOY.—

For *Camelot*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 25th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

For *Vesperan*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 25th inst., instead of as pre-
viously notified.

For HAIPHONG.—

For *Nam vic*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the
25th inst.

For STRAITS AND BOMBAY.—

For *Zambet*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 26th inst.

For MANILA.—

For *Arabic*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 26th inst.

For HAIPHONG.—

For *Adin*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
26th inst.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—

For *Kasagar*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,
the 26th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—

For *Bayphong*, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday,
the 27th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Vernon*
will be despatched on FRIDAY, the
25th Sept., with Mails for the United
Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-
yond, via Suez, to the Straits Settle-
ments, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India,
Arabia, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Andrieu*
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 1st October, with Mails for the
United Kingdom, Europe, and places
beyond, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry,
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius,
Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the British Contract
Packet:—

Day of Departure.

2 p.m.—Registry of Letters closes.

Posting of all printed matter and
patrons ceases.

3 p.m.—Mail closed, except for Late
Letters.

3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until

3.30 p.m.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.

3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late
Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Notice of Optional Cargo per *Pembroke*
shire to be sent before 10 a.m.

4 p.m.—*Kutang* leaves for Shanghai.

4 p.m.—*Peking* leaves for Shanghai.

4 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, September 24.—

Statement of Business with the Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to be
sent in before this date.

THURSDAY, October 1.—

Goods per *Pembroke* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, October 2.—

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Union In-
surance Society of Canton, Ltd., at its
Head Office, Hongkong.

SATURDAY, October 3.—

List of Contributions to the H.K. Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd., to be sent in
before this date.

A. S. WATSON & Co.'s

NEW VEGETABLE SEEDS
—AND—
FLOWER SEEDS

are now ready for delivery.

BOTH are of the best varieties and the
kinds that do best in China. They
are shipped in a manner that ensures their
preservation in transit and in three separate
parcels. Thus every possible precaution is
taken to avoid disappointing Purchasers.

Catalogue on application.

SPECIAL FLORISTS' SEEDS
in Separate named Varieties:

PANSY. CARNATION. PHLOX.
PETUNIA. VERBENA. PORTULACA.

Many dog stories have recently been going the rounds in different journals, but here is one, indeed, by which an evening's temporary caps all. His visits lay in the direction of the baker, to whom he was in the habit of going every morning on his master's behalf. This master was fond of hot rolls for breakfast; he placed a penny each day in his dog's mouth and said to him, "Baker." The dog would then start off for the baker's. Arrived there, he placed his feet on the counter and presented the penny to the proprietor of the shop, who, taking the penny, placed a big containing a penny roll in the dog's mouth. This the dog would eat, and then he would go to his master for his breakfast. One day the dog had, as usual, brought his penny to the baker's counter and duly deposited it. The man, in order to see what the dog would do, took a halfpenny roll, and depositing it in a bag, placed the latter, as usual, in the dog's mouth. The dog put down the bag on the counter and went out and fetched in the policeman.

THE HONGKONG SKETCHING CLUB.

The semi-public view of the twenty-third exhibition of the Hongkong Sketching Club was held at the City Hall yesterday. Quite a number of artists and their friends were present. There was a fair turn-out of pictures and sketches notwithstanding the overcast heat of summer. Summer evenings, however, give fine opportunities of studying the gorgeous sunset skies, as previous exhibitions have shown. No. 2, "Praya Scene, Sunset," is a copy of one of Nature's magnificent displays of colour so often roushoused to us here in the East. The dark buildings on the Praya, conspicuous amongst them being the picturesque outlines of the new P. & O. Offices, loom out against the rich sky, a confused mass of Hakka boats and sampans lie along the Praya Wall, while a little jetty pushes its way out between them. On the bright waters, tinged with all the rosy hues of the Western sky, a passage boat is just starting on its night journey to some town or city on the mainland, and the dark form of the hills to the West shuts out the Ocean from the waters of the harbour. Several views from the Peak are exhibited, interesting in the rugged contour of the nearer hills, while the bits of quiet sea give a calm contrast to the roughness of the mountains.

"Twilight," No. 11, was most soothing in its quiet sky and water, while everything seems sinking into a blissful repose. All is hushed and silent. The light is soft, and the hills look almost gentle in the pallid atmosphere, instead of appearing the emblems of everlasting strength.

Why will the members of the Sketching Club make us discontented with our lot in this sultry, tropical land, with views of snow clad heights in the distant Alps? It is very tantalizing to look on such a beautiful scene as that depicted in No. 13, "Scene in the Alps," and know that those heights are unattainable by us, however much we may long for them. Were the North East monsoon blowing now we might bear our lot with more equanimity while feasting our eyes on what is not for us.

We were quite pleased to see a view of one of the best of our Chinese Street in Hongkong in No. 16, "Jervoise St., Hongkong." The green venetian, red lanterns, bright sign boards, sun shades, pillars, monochromes and hawkers, and all the elements which go to make up the full ensemble of a lively Chinese Street, are here shown to advantage; between the houses we get a peep of the villas and bungalows up the hill side, while a calm blue sky looks down on all.

No. 14, "St. John's," deserves more than a passing notice, as do others, which we must pass by in silence.

No. 20, "A rest under the Banyan," is a mostylvan scene. The gnarled trunks of banyans, with their twisted branches, supporting the canopy of dark green foliage, rise from the side of a path running round a grassy plot, all which lights and shadows are cast. A light green bush rises from the almost hedge-like growth of trees and shrubs on the other side of the path, thus relieving the more sombre hues of the banyan and grass.

A couple of historical scenes are also to be seen in the St. Andrew's Hall during this exhibition. One is a view of an attack on a fort at Macao in 1819, while the other will be more interesting to Hongkongers as showing the city when it is infancy. We are reminded while looking at it of Tom Hood's lines beginning,

"No sea—no moon
and going on to say—
No road—no street—no father side the way—
No end to any row—
No indications where the crescent—
No top to any steeples!"

There certainly was a sun and moon in those early days of Hongkong, when Chimney delighted to paint the street scenes of Canton and Macao, and their boat populations, but we fancy Chimney would have found it difficult to find many street scenes in Hongkong when it might almost be said in Tom Hood's words, that there was "no road, no street, and we might go on and say there was no Praya, no Cathedral, only a mat shed that did duty for church, no Pedlar's Wharf, no Clock Tower, no Kowloon, no Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, no City Hall, no anything whatever, only the embryo of a little colony which was growing wonderfully well in the little Hongkong in 1840, it is from a sketch in oil by Geo. Chinnery, and is welcome, to be one of the exhibits sent from this Colony to the Colonial Exhibition in London in 1884. A photograph of Hongkong in its present condition is also to accompany the sketch, and the scene of some people in England, who, we know, know that there is such a place, and who are utterly unaware that it belongs to the English. Their whole knowledge of the place is a reminiscence of an old street scene which says "you may go to Hongkong for me." It seems to us that it would be very interesting and instructive, when the Colonies are closed to have this picture and the photograph hung in our City Hall. If any arrangement could be made for so doing, it would show the great progress that forty years has achieved, from a "Happy Valley" and a "Rocky Point" to a "Harbour of Refuge" and a "Garden of Eden." There were some most interesting photographs of Port Hamilton, which conveyed more information about the place than pa-

graphs of letter-press would do. They were not only views of the islands, but also consisted of groups of Chinese in their various costumes. An artist's hand had evidently grouped them together.

This second table was taken up with a number of water colours, exactly as many in number, by the bye, as the oils—viz. twenty-five of each. These give abundant evidence that the amateur artists of Hongkong have not been idle while on their summer outings, but busy fingers and brush have thus brought to us a number of lovely spots which otherwise would have been unseen. They are too numerous to notice in detail. We can only pick out a few.

Each end of the table was flanked by a large painting, and both by the same hand. "Hongkong, Blue Hills" and "Fruitful Autumn." The former consisting of a group of the beautiful mountain towers, and the latter is a most artistically grouped basket full of autumn apples, cranberries, and chestnuts, all in a Chinese market basket.

"At Happy Valley" also deserves notice. "Old Mossy Green Steps, Kio-to" is also good.

"Seed—poes. A Study from Nature" is very rich in colour and well done. Cards for the coming Christmas" also put in an appearance. We must pass by the others for want of space; and call attention to some amongst the "Black and White and Various." There was a little variety here in the shape of "A Chair Under the Sun" and "Two Plaques."

"Dinner Table Cards with bordered Edges" and "Dinner Table Cards with Shaker's Motives" are unique and very neat.

In conclusion we are sorry to hear that the indefatigable Secretary of the Club, to whom much of the success of the exhibition is due, will leave our shores shortly.

THE REVOLUTION IN EASTERN ROMANIA.

The importance of the news received during the last few days concerning a revolution in Eastern Roumelia cannot be fairly estimated until fuller particulars come to hand. Ever since the Treaty of Berlin was signed (July 13, 1878), by which the Sublime Porte was short of many of its best provinces in Europe, Austria and Russia have been vying with each other in their endeavours to obtain the strongest influence over the Danubian and Adriatic Kingdoms or Principalities, the names of which became so familiar during the Russo-Turkish wars. Montenegro is practically partitioned by Russia, although Austria is said to contribute largely towards the construction of carriage roads there; while Servia leans rather towards Austria than Russian friendship.

The game so long maintained has many sides and ever-varying fortunes; but probably the most remarkable feature of all is the development of the desire on the part of the inhabitants themselves to obtain free institutions—aspirations altogether at variance with the traditions of either Russia, Austria, or Turkey. A few facts concerning Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia may throw light upon the questions whether or not this most recent revolutionary event is only a further development of this movement, and whether Russia is playing into the hands of the aspirants for ulterior purposes of her own.

Bulgaria, by the Treaty of Berlin, constituted a self-governing Christian State, with a national militia. The State was to pay an annual tribute to the Sultan, who, with the consent of the Powers, had the power of confirming the election of a Prince by the people. The peace strength of the army is 17,070, and the war strength, 50,000. Prince Alexander I., of the House of Battenberg (Hesse), who is the present ruler, is connected with, though not a member of, the Russian Imperial family. Two or three years since the Russian generals, who were the chief Ministers of the Prince, came into disgrace, owing to their determined opposition to the Assembly, and Prince Alexander, playing not unwillingly into the hands of his people, appointed a purely Bulgarian Ministry. This show of independence greatly enraged the Russians, and not the less so because it was a clear indication that as free institutions gradually made their way, Russian dominance necessarily lost its hold over Prince and people. It may be added that, of the population (over 2,000,000), 67 per cent. are Bulgarians, and 26 per cent. are Turks. The capital city is Sofia, and the principal towns are Varna, Shumen, Rusehuk, Razgrad, Sitova, Plevna, Tirova, and Vidin—nearly all of which places suffered greatly during the last Russo-Turkish war.

Eastern Roumelia, the province which has now joined its fortunes with those of Bulgaria, was placed under the direct authority of the Sultan, with certain concessions of self-government, by the Berlin Treaty. The Governor General must be a Christian, and internal order was to be maintained by a native gendarmerie, assisted by a local militia, no Bashi Bazuks or Christian troops were to be allowed into the province. It was further provided that the Governor General will have the right of summoning the Ottoman troops in the event of the internal or external security of the province being threatened. In such an event the Sublime Porte shall inform the representatives of the Powers at Constantinople of the decision, as well as of the exigencies which justify it. The Government of Eastern Roumelia was administered by Russia till the end of May 1879, and then handed over to the new Governor General. [The Provisional Assembly is elective in the proportion of 86 members to 80, the latter members being official, and the electoral qualification is broad. Of the population (850,000) no less than two-thirds are Bulgarians, the remaining third being composed principally of Turks, Greeks, and Gypsies. Philippopolis, the capital,

has a population of say 25,000, made up mostly of eleven thousand Bulgarians, nearly six thousand Turks, and about five thousand Greeks. Eastern Roumelia is the only country in Europe which produces the otto of roses, about 235,000 worth being produced every year.

So much concerning these little-known regions. It is pretty certain that Russia cannot view the establishment of a constitutional nation, comprising about three millions of united and free people, to the south of the Balkans, between the Muscovite territory and Constantinople. Turkey may or may not deem it advisable to take up arms to assert her rights. At all events, Russia has played the game of pitting one isolated principality against the other, and the unification cannot but be viewed by her with grave disapproval. The statements which have been received by telegrams, are, that the population of Eastern Roumelia proclaimed in favour of union with Bulgaria, seized their Governor General, and established a Provisional Government; next that the army of Roumelia (the gendarmerie and militia) had taken the oath of allegiance to Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, and that the Bulgarian army (of 62,000 men) had been mobilized; that Prince Alexander had started for Philippopolis, the capital of Roumelia, having issued a manifesto accepting the Crown of the two Bulgarias; and that the Prince had made a triumphant entry into the capital and met with an enthusiastic reception. It is beyond question, therefore, from the narrative above given, that the revolution is a unanimous and spontaneous movement on the part of the people. What other indirect causes may have arisen to promote the agitation so voluntarily undertaken, it would be useless to dilate upon. Creta has within the last few months named a Provisional Government, after telling the new Governor sent by the Sultan that he was not wanted. Not very long ago the Porte addressed a Note to Bulgaria, threatening very decisive measures if bands of Bulgarians did not cease crossing into Macedonia. Above all, quite recently it was stated that "throughout the Turkish Empire the misery and discontent of the people had reached such a pitch that unless speedy and general reforms were forthcoming, deplorable results would assuredly be witnessed." None of the reforms promised by the Sublime Porte have ever been carried into effect; and the people are evidently making up their minds to drag in deep Russian intrigue to explain the union of the two Bulgarias, although Russia is doubtless watching events with keen interest.

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By Head Office Charges..... 23,206.04
By London Charges..... 4,479.48
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Auditors..... 5,800.55
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By Interest on Bonds on Current Account..... 232,405.60
By Exchange..... 2,378.22
By Balance..... 226,132.18
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On 30th June, 1885.
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